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For: MICROPARTICULATE ORAL )  
GALENICAL FORM FOR THE )  
DELAYED AND CONTROLLED )  
RELEASE OF PHARMACEUTICAL )  
ACTIVE PRINCIPLES )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

A search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing those documents is enclosed.

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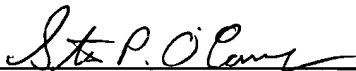
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Respectfully submitted,

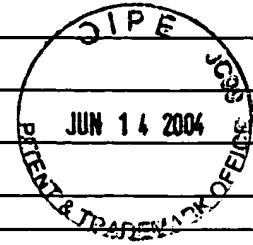
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